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SUBJECT: SOVIET COMMENTATORS ATTACK AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN

1. SUMMARY. PRAVDA AND THREE OTHER CENTRAL PAPERS

LAUNCHED ATTACKS DECEMBER 20-21 ON AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN.

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THE ATTACKS ARE SHARP AND LARGELY AD HOMINEM. THEY MAKE

NO DIRECT MENTION OF THE AMBASSADOR'S CRITICISM OF THE SOVIET UNION AND EMPHASIZE ALLEGED OPPOSITION IN THE U.S. TO AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN'S APPROACH TO DEALING WITH THE UN MEMBERSHIP, BUT THEY SHOW THE AMBASSADOR HAS DRAWN SOME BLOOD HERE. END SUMMARY.

2. KRASNAYA ZVEZDA, IZVESTIYA, AND SOTSIALISTICHESKAYA INDUSTRIYA DECEMBER 20-21 ALL CARRY A SIGNED COMMENTARY BY TASS "POLITICAL OBSERVER" I. ORLOV ENTITLED "IDOL OF THE ZIONISTS IN THE UN" WHICH CHARACTERIZES AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN AS "VERY ECCENTRIC" AND GIVEN TO "COARSE INSULTS." ORLOV SAYS THE AMBASSADOR HAS BECOME INVOLVED IN "SHARP CONFLICTS GOING BEYOND THE FRAMEWORK OF DIPLOMATIC PRACTICE" WITH VARIOUS AFRICAN AND ARAB DIPLOMATS. HE ALLUDES TO CRITICISM OF THE AMBASSADOR'S APPROACH IN THE U.S., AND SAYS THAT RUMORS WERE AT ONE TIME AFLOAT THAT HIS DISMISSAL WAS NEAR. WHEN THESE RUMORS WERE DENIED, SAYS ORLOV, AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN "GUSHED FORTH NEW STATEMENTS AND ASSERTIONS, WHICH WERE FAR FROM DIPLOMATIC, (AND) DIRECT INSULTS DIRECTED AT MEMBER STATES OF THE UN." ORLOV RELATES THAT THE AMBASSADOR HAS BECOME ESPECIALLY INVOLVED IN THE "DEFENSE OF ZIONISM." HE REFERS TO RUMORS THAT THE AMBASSADOR IS INTERESTED IN A NEW YORK SEAT IN THE SENATE, OR IN THE NEW YORK GOVERNORSHIP, AND CONCLUDES THAT HE IS TRYING TO GAIN FAVOR AMONG "ZIONISTS" IN THAT STATE IN ORDER TO ASSURE HIMSELF OF AN ELECTORAL VICTORY.

3. PRAVDA'S YURIY ZHUKOV (WHOSE GIFT FOR HURLING INSULTS WHILE ASSUMING AN ATTITUDE OF INJURED INNOCENCE HAS MADE HIM THAT PAPER'S CHIEF HATCHET MAN) WRITES DECEMBER 21 THAT "MISTER MOYNIHAN MARCHES COCKILY ALONG--PERHAPS TOO COCKILY," AND ATTEMPTS TO ARGUE THAT IT IS NOT THE UN THAT IS OUT OF STEP, BUT RATHER AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN AND THE U.S. ZHUKOV ALLUDES DARKLY TO "CERTAIN CIRCLES" IN WASHINGTON WHICH DO NOT AGREE WITH AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN'S APPROACH, AND SAYS THAT AN EDITORIAL IN THE WASHINGTON POST MAY REFLECT THESE OFFICIAL VIEWS. HE ALSO SAYS THAT THE U.S.'S ALLIES HAVE THEIR DOUBTS ABOUT THE AMBASSADOR'S ACTIVITIES, "AS DO, MOREOVER,

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AMERICAN DIPLOMATS." ZHUKOV POUNCES ON AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN'S STATEMENT THAT THERE ARE NOW ONLY A HALF OR A THIRD AS MANY FUNCTIONING DEMOCRACIES IN THE WORLD AS THERE WERE 15 YEARS AGO, AND ARGUES THAT WHAT HAS REDUCED THIS NUMBER HAS BEEN THE DISAPPEARANCE OF DICTATORSHIPS IN GREECE AND PORTUGAL, THE THIEU REGIME, AND THE "MARIONETTES IN LAOS." ZHUKOV CONCLUDED WITH THE ASSERTION THAT THE PRESS IN STATES ALLIED TO THE

U.S. "HAVE NOTED APPREHENSIVELY THAT (AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN'S) CONVICTION THAT HE IS IN STEP, AND EVERYONE ELSE OUT OF STEP, WILL LEAD TO NO GOOD--AND THAT HE CAN ONLY INCREASE TENSIONS IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS WITH HIS INSULTING AND CHALLENGING REPROACHES OF INDEPENDENT STATES WHICH REFUSE TO AUTOMATICALLY FOLLOW THE LINE HE DICTATES."

4. COMMENT: THE SOVIET PRESS HAS NEVER BEEN ABOVE AD HOMINEM ATTACKS ON U.S. OFFICIALS WHO OFFEND LOCAL SENSIBILITIES. THE SEVERITY OF THIS ATTACK HAS CLEARLY BEEN DETERMINED BY AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN'S OWN PUBLIC CRITICISM OF THE SOVIET UNION; AND PROBABLY AS WELL BY MOSCOW'S CALCULATION THAT THERE MAY BE MILEAGE TO BE MADE IN SOME THIRD WORLD STATES THROUGH SUCH ATTACKS.

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